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FROM: James M. Bagarazzi, Esquire

RE: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DEPLOYING
GEOTEXTILE TUBES
Serial No.: 09/612,810
Filed: July 10, 2000
Our Reference No.: BIT-12

Dear Examiner Addie:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this afternoon, enclosed is a copy of the Appeal Brief and supporting documents filed in the subject application on November 20, 2002. A copy of the postcard receipt stamped November 21, 2002 is also enclosed.

Denise Ginn

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201 370 Utility filing fee	0.00
106	330	206 165 Design filing fee	0.00
107	510	207 255 Plant filing fee	0.00
108	740	208 370 Reissue filing fee	0.00
114	160	214 80 Provisional filing fee	0.00
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	0	-20** = 0 x 0.00	= 0.00
Claims	0	-3** = 0 x 0.00	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent			0.00 = 0.00

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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105	130	205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139 130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216 200 Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217 460 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218 720 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228 980 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219 160 Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	160.00
121	280	221 140 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241 640 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242 840 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243 230 Design issue fee	
144	620	244 310 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
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126	180	126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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